

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
BEAUMONT DIVISION

JAMES MICHAEL JONES	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:24-CV-288
DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID	§	

## MEMORANDUM OPINION REGARDING TRANSFER

Petitioner James Michael Jones, an inmate confined at the Stiles Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, proceeding *pro se*, filed this petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

The petition was referred to the undersigned magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 for findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for the disposition of the case.

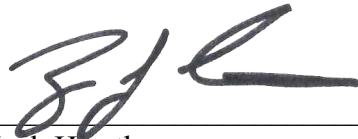
## Discussion

Title 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a) allows a district court to “entertain an application for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court only on the ground that he is in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States.” 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a). A state prisoner is required to file his federal petition for writ of habeas corpus in either the district where the prisoner is incarcerated or the district where the prisoner was convicted and sentenced. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). Although both district courts have jurisdiction to entertain the application, “[t]he district court for the district wherein such an application is filed in the exercise of its discretion and in furtherance of justice may transfer the application to the other district court for hearing and determination.” *Id.*

Petitioner filed this petition in the Beaumont Division of the Eastern District of Texas. However, Petitioner was convicted and sentenced in Franklin County, which is located in the Texarkana Division. The court has considered the circumstances and has determined that the interests of justice would be served by transferring this petition to the division where Petitioner was convicted and sentenced. Therefore, the petition should be transferred to the Texarkana Division for hearing and determination. It is accordingly

**ORDERED** that this petition for writ of habeas corpus is **TRANSFERRED** to the Texarkana Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

SIGNED this 3rd day of August, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zack Hawthorn', written over a horizontal line.

Zack Hawthorn  
United States Magistrate Judge